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Attached please find Form PTO-1449 together with the references cited in the international search report for the international stage PCT application corresponding to this national stage application. An English abstract is enclosed to serve as a translation for the cited references. A copy of the international stage search report is enclosed for reference.

- EP 0 875 395 A has been cited in the international search report under Category X with regards to claims 1 to 18 of the international stage application corresponding to this national stage application. The reference discloses a Zirconia-alumina composite ceramic lithographic printing member. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time.

- EP 1 020 304 A2 has been cited in the international search report under Category D and X with regards to claims 1 to 31 of the international stage application corresponding to this

national stage application. This reference is also discussed on page 4 of the specification text. The reference discloses an offset printing method and printing apparatus using the same.

- DE 196 12 927 A has been cited in the international search report under Category X with regards to claims 23, and 26 to 31 of the international stage application corresponding to this national stage application. The reference discloses a printing machine and image processing for a printing machine. No English translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time.

- EP 0 911 155 A has been cited in the international search report under Category X with regards to claim 23 of the international stage application corresponding to this national stage application. This reference is also discussed on page 3 of the specification text. The reference discloses a plate making device and printer and printing system using the plate making device.

- EP 0 769 372 A has been cited in the international search report under Category A with regards to claims 1 to 13 of the international stage application corresponding to this national stage application. The reference discloses a method of lithographic printing.

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	<u>EP 1 020 304 A2</u>	<u>July 19, 2000</u>	<u>Europe</u>			<u>Yes</u>
	<u>DE 196 12 927 A1</u>	<u>Nov. 21, 1996</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>EP 0 911 155 A1</u>	<u>April 28, 1999</u>	<u>Europe</u>			<u>Yes</u>
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